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Ariel Hendel, et al.

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PARALLEL TRUNKING OF INTERFACES
TO INCREASE TRANSFER BANDWIDTH**

Examiner: Thong, Vu

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks:

REMARKS

In this response, no claims have been added, no claims have been amended and no claims have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-41 remain pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is hereby requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-41 as being unpatentable under U.S. Patent No. 5,724,356 issued to Nair, et al. ("Nair") in view of U.S. Patent No 5,390,232 issued to Freeman, et al. ("Freeman"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

With regard to claim 32, claims 32 recites: a network device comprising a first port that connects to a first interface, a second port that connects to a second interface, and a trunking pseudo driver coupled to the first port and the second port such that the trunking pseudo driver allows the first interface and second interface to emulate a single high-speed device by assigning